

# SENATE BILL 22

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By: **Senator Pipkin**

Introduced and read first time: October 17, 2011

Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that the State may not prohibit the installation of any  
4 on-site sewage disposal system until certain overflows at certain sewage  
5 pumping stations are fully mitigated; and generally relating to on-site sewage  
6 disposal systems.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Environment

9 Section 9–1110

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

12 Preamble

13 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland contributes only 20% of the total nitrogen  
14 load of the Chesapeake Bay; and

15 WHEREAS, Septic systems contribute only 4 to 8% of Maryland’s nitrogen load;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, As a result, Maryland’s septic systems contribute no more than 0.8  
18 to 1.6% of the total nitrogen load of the Chesapeake Bay; and

19 WHEREAS, Over 100 million gallons of raw sewage overflowed from the  
20 Patapsco Sewage Pumping Station in Baltimore County into tributaries of the  
21 Chesapeake Bay in August and September of 2011; and

22 WHEREAS, Over 20 million gallons of raw sewage overflowed from sewage  
23 pumping stations in Prince George’s County into tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay in  
24 August and September of 2011; now, therefore,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Environment**

4 **9–1110.**

5 **THE STATE MAY NOT PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF ANY ON–SITE**  
6 **SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM UNTIL THE OVERFLOWS THAT OCCURRED IN**  
7 **AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER OF 2011 AT THE PATAPSCO SEWAGE PUMPING**  
8 **STATION IN BALTIMORE COUNTY AND AT SEWAGE PUMPING STATIONS IN**  
9 **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY ARE FULLY MITIGATED.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 June 1, 2012.